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SUBJECT: JAPANESE CRUDE OIL IMPORTS IN 1975

1. ACCORDING TO PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN FIGURES, JAPAN IMPORTED IN 1975 262.645 MILLION KILOLITERS OF CRUDE OIL (ABOUT 4.5 MILLION B/D), DOWN 6.4 PERCENT FROM 1974. IT WAS THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR OF DECLINE.

2. BY REGION, JAPAN'S CRUDE IMPORTS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST DROPPED

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5 PERCENT TO 205.369 MILLION KILOLITERS. BUT THE MIDDLE EAST

STILL SUPPLIED 78 PERCENT OF TOTAL CRUDE IMPORTS INTO JAPAN. CRUDE IMPORTS FROM AFRICA SUFFERED A 23 PERCENT DROP TO 7.67 MILLION KILOLITERS, AND INDONESIAN CRUDE FELL 8 PERCENT TO 39.958 MILLION KILOLITERS.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, SAUDI ARABIAN CRUDE OIL EXPORTS TO JAPAN ROSE 6.8 PERCENT TO 67.08 MILLION KILOLITERS. IN SUPPLYING 25.5 PERCENT OF JAPAN'S CRUDE, SAUDI ARABIA DISPLACED IRAN FOR THE FIRST TIME AS JAPAN'S LARGEST CRUDE OIL SUPPLIER. IRAN'S CRUDE EXPORTS TO JAPAN FELL 10 PERCENT TO 65.192 MILLION KILOLITERS OR 24.8 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORTED.
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